

PLANNING STATISTICS QUARTERLY

2008

January to March

The Quarterly provides figures for each planning authority on:

- Invalid applications received during the quarter
- Applications for outline permission and full permission
- Decisions to grant/refuse permission
- Decisions issued within the statutory eight week period
- Decisions deferred
- Percentages for grants/refusals, decisions made within eight weeks and decision deferred

Planning authorities are listed in the following order:

County Councils
City Councils
Borough Councils
Town Councils

Appeals to and disposal of appeals by An Bord Pleanála are given for Counties and City Councils. Analyses of appeals on hand and of formally decided appeals are provided.

Information on planning applications is obtained from returns sent by each authority to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government at the end of each quarter. Information on appeals is obtained from An Bord Pleanála sources and is published by permission of An Bord Pleanála.

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AUTHORITY	Invalid	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED			DECISIONS TO GRANT		
		Outline Permission	Permission	Total	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
COUNTY COUNCILS							
Carlow	33	0	158	158	1	146	147
Cavan	59	2	377	379	2	391	393
Clare	77	26	390	416	16	310	326
Cork	725	72	1,545	1,617	23	1,320	1,343
Donegal	273	61	1,063	1,124	42	929	971
Dun Laoghaire– Rathdown	79	0	591	591	0	367	367
Fingal	127	4	440	444	1	346	347
Galway	36	17	868	885	14	789	803
Kerry	175	48	708	756	12	459	471
Kildare	83	3	495	498	0	424	424
Kilkenny	69	11	348	359	4	301	305
Laois	92	7	291	298	5	258	263
Leitrim	83	3	181	184	0	170	170
Limerick	142	21	492	513	7	401	408
Longford	46	0	123	123	3	143	146
Louth	0	16	298	314	8	332	340
Mayo	24	5	457	462	6	465	471
Meath	256	3	656	659	1	433	434
Monaghan	54	19	312	331	23	325	348
North Tipperary	84	8	266	274	12	188	200
Offaly	37	7	220	227	7	201	208
Roscommon	120	15	261	276	10	298	308
Sligo	9	12	221	233	2	197	199
South Dublin	70	4	344	348	1	288	289
South Tipperary	96	9	274	283	3	208	211
Waterford	46	9	258	267	3	234	237
Westmeath	32	3	290	293	2	202	204
Wexford	65	31	722	753	22	575	597
Wicklow	158	13	371	384	2	299	301
Subtotal	3,150	429	13,020	13,449	232	10,999	11,231
CITY COUNCILS							
Cork	27	4	214	218	2	185	187
Dublin	252	1	888	889	0	789	789
Galway	64	0	149	149	3	145	148
Limerick	21	0	90	90	0	58	58
Waterford	22	1	82	83	0	73	73
Subtotal	386	6	1,423	1,429	5	1,250	1,255

AUTHORITY	DECISIONS TO REFUSE			DECISIONS TOTAL			DECISIONS MADE WITHIN 8 WEEKS		
	Outline Permission	Permission	Total	Outline Permission	Permission	Total	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
COUNTY COUNCILS									
Carlow	1	29	30	2	175	177	1	78	79
Cavan	0	67	67	2	458	460	1	299	300
Clare	9	63	72	25	373	398	6	102	108
Cork	55	311	366	78	1,631	1,709	17	423	440
Donegal	18	178	196	60	1,107	1,167	29	657	686
Dun Laoghaire– Rathdown	1	158	159	1	525	526	1	421	422
Fingal	2	126	128	3	472	475	1	358	359
Galway	2	121	123	16	910	926	6	466	472
Kerry	22	149	171	34	608	642	29	393	422
Kildare	0	85	85	0	509	509	0	199	199
Kilkenny	3	91	94	7	392	399	3	239	242
Laois	9	42	51	14	300	314	6	122	128
Leitrim	1	35	36	1	205	206	0	106	106
Limerick	8	63	71	15	464	479	3	144	147
Longford	0	26	26	3	169	172	0	30	30
Louth	6	39	45	14	371	385	4	119	123
Mayo	4	54	58	10	519	529	0	140	140
Meath	3	248	251	4	681	685	4	502	506
Monaghan	7	81	88	30	406	436	6	102	108
North Tipperary	2	13	15	14	201	215	4	98	102
Offaly	8	43	51	15	244	259	10	124	134
Roscommon	8	47	55	18	345	363	5	146	151
Sligo	0	20	20	2	217	219	2	174	176
South Dublin	3	67	70	4	355	359	3	292	295
South Tipperary	1	35	36	4	243	247	4	146	150
Waterford	3	55	58	6	289	295	3	176	179
Westmeath	1	81	82	3	283	286	1	174	175
Wexford	14	195	209	36	770	806	23	527	550
Wicklow	5	94	99	7	393	400	0	94	94
Subtotal	196	2,616	2,812	428	13,615	14,043	172	6,851	7,023
CITY COUNCILS									
Cork	2	35	37	4	220	224	1	68	69
Dublin	0	135	135	0	924	924	0	781	781
Galway	0	26	26	3	171	174	0	65	65
Limerick	0	7	7	0	65	65	0	43	43
Waterford	0	14	14	0	87	87	0	54	54
Subtotal	2	217	219	7	1,467	1,474	1	1,011	1,012

AUTHORITY	DECISIONS DEFERRED*			% DECISIONS TO GRANT	% DECISIONS TO REFUSE	% DECISIONS MADE WITHIN 8 WEEKS	% DECISIONS DEFERRED **
	Outline Permission	Permission	Total				
COUNTY COUNCILS							
Carlow	1	74	75	83.1	16.9	44.6	47.5
Cavan	3	177	180	85.4	14.6	65.2	47.5
Clare	4	163	167	81.9	18.1	27.1	40.1
Cork	24	692	716	78.6	21.4	25.7	44.3
Donegal	18	420	438	83.2	16.8	58.8	39.0
Dun Laoghaire–Rathdown	1	81	82	69.8	30.2	80.2	13.9
Fingal	0	129	129	73.1	26.9	75.6	29.1
Galway	5	213	218	86.7	13.3	51.0	24.6
Kerry	36	327	363	73.4	26.6	65.7	48.0
Kildare	1	322	323	83.3	16.7	39.1	64.9
Kilkenny	0	164	164	76.4	23.6	60.7	45.7
Laois	4	112	116	83.8	16.2	40.8	38.9
Leitrim	1	86	87	82.5	17.5	51.5	47.3
Limerick	17	292	309	85.2	14.8	30.7	60.2
Longford	0	51	51	84.9	15.1	17.4	41.5
Louth	5	81	86	88.3	11.7	31.9	27.4
Mayo	9	299	308	89.0	11.0	26.5	66.7
Meath	0	215	215	63.4	36.6	73.9	32.6
Monaghan	20	230	250	79.8	20.2	24.8	75.5
North Tipperary	16	157	173	93.0	7.0	47.4	63.1
Offaly	5	118	123	80.3	19.7	51.7	54.2
Roscommon	12	153	165	84.8	15.2	41.6	59.8
Sligo	1	61	62	90.9	9.1	80.4	26.6
South Dublin	1	63	64	80.5	19.5	82.2	18.4
South Tipperary	0	89	89	85.4	14.6	60.7	31.4
Waterford	3	143	146	80.3	19.7	60.7	54.7
Westmeath	1	124	125	71.3	28.7	61.2	42.7
Wexford	11	167	178	74.1	25.9	68.2	23.6
Wicklow	5	209	214	75.3	24.8	23.5	55.7
Subtotal	204	5,412	5,616	80.0	20.0	50.0	41.8
CITY COUNCILS							
Cork	1	63	64	83.5	16.5	30.8	29.4
Dublin	0	119	119	85.4	14.6	84.5	13.4
Galway	2	24	26	85.1	14.9	37.4	17.4
Limerick	0	44	44	89.2	10.8	66.2	48.9
Waterford	0	26	26	83.9	16.1	62.1	31.3
Subtotal	3	276	279	85.1	14.9	68.7	19.5

* applications not decided within 8 weeks due to request for further information or extensions of time granted to the applicant.

** as percentage of applications.

AUTHORITY	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED			DECISIONS TO GRANT			
	Invalid	Outline Permission	Permission	Total	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
BOROUGH COUNCILS							
Clonmel	9	0	24	24	0	34	34
Drogheda	16	0	50	50	0	41	41
Kilkenny	7	1	32	33	0	20	20
Sligo	1	0	30	30	0	24	24
Wexford	21	0	57	57	0	31	31
Subtotal	54	1	193	194	0	150	150
TOWN COUNCILS							
Arklow	2	1	21	22	0	12	12
Athlone	8	0	36	36	0	35	35
Athy	4	0	18	18	0	13	13
Ballina	1	0	20	20	0	24	24
Ballinasloe	2	1	12	13	0	12	12
Birr	1	0	11	11	0	10	10
Bray	9	0	55	55	0	45	45
Buncrana	9	0	19	19	0	10	10
Bundoran	5	0	13	13	0	10	10
Carlow	13	0	31	31	0	33	33
Carrickmacross	0	0	5	5	0	6	6
Carrick-on-Suir	4	0	15	15	0	11	11
Cashel	1	0	6	6	0	3	3
Castlebar	5	0	19	19	0	21	21
Castleblayney	2	0	3	3	0	4	4
Cavan	1	1	9	10	0	16	16
Clonakilty	0	0	8	8	1	4	5
Clones	0	0	2	2	0	2	2
Cobh	3	0	11	11	0	7	7
Dundalk	17	0	53	53	0	49	49
Dungarvan	0	0	18	18	0	16	16
Ennis	3	0	34	34	0	29	29
Enniscorthy	2	0	11	11	0	3	3
Fermoy	0	0	13	13	0	4	4
Kells	1	0	4	4	0	3	3
Killarney	0	1	28	29	0	26	26
Kilrush	0	0	4	4	0	2	2
Kinsale	0	1	12	13	0	8	8
Letterkenny	21	1	36	37	1	39	40
Listowel	2	0	14	14	0	11	11
Longford	3	0	21	21	0	17	17
Macroom	1	0	14	14	1	13	14
Mallow	2	0	16	16	0	17	17
Midleton	2	0	9	9	0	5	5
Monaghan	4	0	12	12	0	12	12
Naas	8	1	36	37	0	26	26
Navan	7	0	20	20	0	11	11
Nenagh	3	0	18	18	0	12	12
New Ross	5	0	14	14	0	8	8
Skibbereen	6	0	17	17	0	7	7
Templemore	0	0	5	5	0	1	1
Thurles	2	0	11	11	0	6	6
Tipperary	4	0	8	8	0	7	7
Tralee	12	0	39	39	0	30	30
Trim	1	0	3	3	0	3	3
Tullamore	8	0	30	30	0	18	18
Westport	0	0	14	14	0	14	14
Wicklow	3	0	11	11	0	10	10
Youghal	0	0	12	12	0	10	10
Subtotal	187	7	851	858	3	695	698
Total	3,777	443	15,487	15,930	240	13,094	13,334

AUTHORITY	DECISIONS TO REFUSE			DECISIONS TOTAL			DECISIONS MADE WITHIN 8 WEEKS		
	Outline Permission	Permission	Total	Outline Permission	Permission	Total	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
BOROUGH COUNCILS									
Clonmel	0	4	4	0	38	38	0	27	27
Drogheda	0	8	8	0	49	49	0	18	18
Kilkenny	0	8	8	0	28	28	0	17	17
Sligo	0	1	1	0	25	25	0	17	17
Wexford	0	7	7	0	38	38	0	26	26
Subtotal	0	28	28	0	178	178	0	105	105
TOWN COUNCILS									
Arklow	0	1	1	0	13	13	0	6	6
Athlone	0	8	8	0	43	43	0	22	22
Athy	0	3	3	0	16	16	0	9	9
Ballina	0	2	2	0	26	26	0	14	14
Ballinasloe	0	4	4	0	16	16	1	9	10
Birr	0	2	2	0	12	12	0	9	9
Bray	0	10	10	0	55	55	0	42	42
Buncrana	0	2	2	0	12	12	0	6	6
Bundoran	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	2	2
Carlow	0	10	10	0	43	43	0	22	22
Carrickmacross	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0
Carrick-on-Suir	0	4	4	0	15	15	0	9	9
Cashel	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	2	2
Castlebar	0	5	5	0	26	26	0	7	7
Castleblayney	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0
Cavan	0	2	2	0	18	18	0	15	15
Clonakilty	0	2	2	1	6	7	0	4	4
Clones	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Cobh	0	4	4	0	11	11	0	6	6
Dundalk	1	5	6	1	54	55	1	36	37
Dungarvan	0	1	1	0	17	17	0	14	14
Ennis	0	8	8	0	37	37	0	21	21
Enniscorthy	0	1	1	0	4	4	0	2	2
Fermoy	0	3	3	0	7	7	0	2	2
Kells	0	1	1	0	4	4	0	4	4
Killarney	0	2	2	0	28	28	0	12	12
Kilrush	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Kinsale	1	1	2	1	9	10	0	0	0
Letterkenny	1	5	6	2	44	46	2	31	33
Listowel	1	0	1	1	12	13	0	7	7
Longford	0	2	2	0	19	19	0	12	12
Macroom	0	0	0	1	13	14	0	4	4
Mallow	0	2	2	0	19	19	0	8	8
Midleton	0	2	2	0	7	7	0	3	3
Monaghan	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	8	8
Naas	0	4	4	0	30	30	1	14	15
Navan	0	8	8	0	19	19	0	15	15
Nenagh	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	9	9
New Ross	0	2	2	0	10	10	0	9	9
Skibbereen	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	4	4
Templemore	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Thurles	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	4	4
Tipperary	0	1	1	0	8	8	0	4	4
Tralee	0	7	7	0	37	37	0	13	13
Trim	0	3	3	0	6	6	0	3	3
Tullamore	0	5	5	0	23	23	0	20	20
Westport	0	1	1	0	15	15	0	11	11
Wicklow	0	3	3	0	13	13	0	7	7
Youghal	0	1	1	0	11	11	0	5	5
Subtotal	4	127	131	7	822	829	5	466	471
Total	202	2,988	3,190	442	16,082	16,524	178	8,433	8,611

AUTHORITY	DECISIONS DEFERRED*			% DECISIONS TO GRANT	% DECISIONS TO REFUSE	% DECISIONS MADE WITHIN 8 WEEKS	% DECISIONS DEFERRED **
	Outline Permission	Permission	Total				
BOROUGH COUNCILS							
Clonmel	0	6	6	89.5	10.5	71.1	25.0
Drogheda	0	24	24	83.7	16.3	36.7	48.0
Kilkenny	0	13	13	71.4	28.6	60.7	39.4
Sligo	0	5	5	96.0	4.0	68.0	16.7
Wexford	0	9	9	81.6	18.4	68.4	15.8
Subtotal	0	57	57	84.3	15.7	59.0	29.4
TOWN COUNCILS							
Arklow	0	3	3	92.3	7.7	46.2	13.6
Athlone	0	22	22	81.4	18.6	51.2	61.1
Athy	0	8	8	81.3	18.8	56.3	44.4
Ballina	0	7	7	92.3	7.7	53.8	35.0
Ballinasloe	0	4	4	75.0	25.0	62.5	30.8
Birr	0	4	4	83.3	16.7	75.0	36.4
Bray	0	13	13	81.8	18.2	76.4	23.6
Buncrana	0	6	6	83.3	16.7	50.0	31.6
Bundoran	0	2	2	100.0	-	20.0	15.4
Carlow	0	8	8	76.7	23.3	51.2	25.8
Carrickmacross	0	3	3	100.0	-	-	60.0
Carrick-on-Suir	0	6	6	73.3	26.7	60.0	40.0
Cashel	0	0	0	100.0	-	66.7	-
Castlebar	0	20	20	80.8	19.2	26.9	105.3
Castleblayney	0	1	1	100.0	-	-	33.3
Cavan	0	3	3	88.9	11.1	83.3	30.0
Clonakilty	0	0	0	71.4	28.6	57.1	-
Clones	0	3	3	100.0	-	-	150.0
Cobh	0	5	5	63.6	36.4	54.5	45.5
Dundalk	1	18	19	89.1	10.9	67.3	35.8
Dungarvan	0	3	3	94.1	5.9	82.4	16.7
Ennis	0	16	16	78.4	21.6	56.8	47.1
Enniscorthy	0	2	2	75.0	25.0	50.0	18.2
Fermoy	0	4	4	57.1	42.9	28.6	30.8
Kells	0	3	3	75.0	25.0	100.0	-
Killarney	0	13	13	92.9	7.1	42.9	44.8
Kilrush	0	4	4	100.0	-	-	100.0
Kinsale	0	4	4	80.0	20.0	-	30.8
Letterkenny	0	11	11	87.0	13.0	71.7	29.7
Listowel	0	1	1	91.7	8.3	58.3	7.1
Longford	0	4	4	89.5	10.5	63.2	19.0
Macroom	0	6	6	100.0	-	28.6	42.9
Mallow	0	4	4	89.5	10.5	42.1	25.0
Midleton	0	8	8	71.4	28.6	42.9	88.9
Monaghan	0	6	6	100.0	-	66.7	50.0
Naas	0	22	22	86.7	13.3	50.0	59.5
Navan	0	2	2	57.9	42.1	78.9	10.0
Nenagh	0	9	9	100.0	-	75.0	50.0
New Ross	0	4	4	80.0	20.0	90.0	28.6
Skibbereen	0	5	5	100.0	-	57.1	29.4
Templemore	0	0	0	100.0	-	-	-
Thurles	0	6	6	100.0	-	66.7	54.5
Tipperary	0	5	5	87.5	12.5	50.0	62.5
Tralee	0	19	19	81.1	18.9	35.1	48.7
Trim	0	3	3	50.0	50.0	50.0	100.0
Tullamore	0	6	6	78.3	21.7	87.0	20.0
Westport	0	2	2	93.3	6.7	73.3	14.3
Wicklow	0	6	6	76.9	23.1	53.8	54.5
Youghal	0	6	6	90.9	9.1	45.5	50.0
Subtotal	1	320	321	84.2	15.8	56.8	37.4
Total	208	6,065	6,273	80.7	19.3	52.1	39.4

* applications not decided within 8 weeks due to request for further information or extensions of time granted to the applicant.

** as percentage of applications.

APPEALS DISPOSALS BY AN BORD PLEANALA¹ (by Area)²

AREA	APPEALS					DISPOSED ³					
	Quarter	1	2	3	4	Total	1	2	3	4	Total
Carlow		23				23	12				12
Cavan		24				24	18				18
Clare		46				46	40				40
Cork		126				126	93				93
Donegal		63				63	40				40
Dun Laoghaire – Rathdown		106				106	92				92
Fingal		91				91	59				59
Galway		43				43	48				48
Kerry		62				62	44				44
Kildare		47				47	33				33
Kilkenny		39				39	25				25
Laois		20				20	17				17
Leitrim		9				9	2				2
Limerick		23				23	18				18
Longford		12				12	10				10
Louth		49				49	40				40
Mayo		51				51	27				27
Meath		39				39	41				41
Monaghan		16				16	11				11
North Tipperary		15				15	17				17
Offaly		11				11	20				20
Roscommon		24				24	26				26
Sligo		25				25	10				10
South Dublin		61				61	56				56
South Tipperary		24				24	19				19
Waterford		21				21	25				25
Westmeath		21				21	20				20
Wexford		33				33	44				44
Wicklow		58				58	56				56
Subtotal		1,182				1,182	963				963
Cork		40				40	31				31
Dublin		156				156	162				162
Galway		24				24	17				17
Limerick		11				11	6				6
Waterford		8				8	10				10
Subtotal		239				239	226				226
Totals		1,421				1,421	1,189				1,189

1. Source: An Bord Pleanála.

2. 'Area' is a county council and other authorities within that county but excluding city councils.

3. 'Disposed' includes appeals on which there has been a formal decision by An Bord Pleanála and appeals which are late, invalid, withdrawn or dismissed.

APPEALS FORMALLY DECIDED

Appeals against refusals	Appeals against conditions				Appeals by third parties against grants of permission				Total appeals decided	Decision of planning authority confirmed	Decision of planning authority varied	Decision of planning authority reversed
Applications decided	Applications decided				Applications decided							
Grant permission with/without conditions	Grant permission subject to same conditions	Grant permission subject to revised conditions	Refuse permission	Total	(confirm decision of planning authority)	(vary decision of planning authority)	(reverse decision of planning authority)					
100	7	53	9	69	2	255	170	427	875	288	308	279

APPEALS ON HAND [%] 0 weeks 0 (end of quarter)¹

Quarter	30+	26-29	22-25	18-21	14-17	8-13	4-7	<4	Total
1	153	157	366	339	454	448	357	437	2,711
2									
3									
4									

SUMMARY TOTALS

	Applications total	Decisions total	Refusal² rate
2007 (Total)	91,654	87,626	17.25
2008			
Quarter 1	15,930	16,524	19.3
Quarter 2			
Quarter 3			
Quarter 4			
Total (YTD)	15,930	16,524	19.3

¹ Source: An Bord Pleanála

² 'Refusal rate' is the number of refusals as a percentage of total decisions.

